1ST QUARTER 2012 KOMU-TV COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1^{st,} 2010 TO MARCH 31^{st,} 2010. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

1ST QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

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ISSUE	SEGMENT	Е			PROGRAM/SEGMENT
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/1	10:02	:37	JEFFERSON CITY POLICE ALSO RECEIVED AN EARLY MORNING CALL ABOUT A KNIFE ASSUALT AND PROPERTY DESTRUCTION THEY SAY AN ALTERCATION OCCURED AT CLUB MOTIVATION BEFORE THE VICTIM, 29YEAR-OLD NIKITA LOVELACE AND HER FRIENDS LEFT THE SCENE. THE SUSPECTS 19-YEAR-OLD KASHAY DAVIS AND 21- YEAR-OLD ATASHA MCCANN FOLLOWED LOVELACE TO HER HOUSE WHERE ANOTHER FIGHT BROKE OUT. LOVELACE HAD THE WINDOWS IN HER CAR BROKEN OUT BY MCCANN AND WAS STABBED IN THE THIGH BY DAVIS
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/2	10:00	1:00	COLUMBIA POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE MAN WANTED IN THE FIRST ARMED ROBBERY OF 20-12. THE ROBBERY HAPPENED JUST AFTER NOON TODAY AT THE BEE LINE SNACK SHOP AND PHILLIPS 66 GAS STATION ON OLD 63 AT THE INTERSECTION OF SHEPARD BOULEVARD. POLICE BROUGHT THE K-9 UNIT TO THE SCENE TO HELP THEM TRACK A MALE WHO FLED ON FOOT WITH CASH. THIS, AFTER HE PULLED A KNIFE TO PULL THE

					HEIST.
					NO ONE WAS INJURED IN THE ROBBERY.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/3	10:02	:45	THAT'S RIGHT, JIM, THE CITY COUNCIL PASSED THIS ORDINANCE 2 MONTHS AGO. BUT, IT CAME BACK UP TONIGHT BECAUSE THE ORDINANCE VIOLATES THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION. THE ORDINANCE SAID MOBILE HOME RESIDENTS WOULD GET 3 MONTHS OF FREE RENT IF THE PROPERTY OWNER CLOSES THE PARK. THE PROBLEM IS, THAT WOULD IMPAIR EXISTING MOBILE HOME PARK CONTRACTS. MAYOR BOB MCDAVID SAID HE'LL SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION BUT HE'S CONCERNED THIS WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM. HE SAYS OWNERS WILL FIND A WAY TO GET AROUND THIS. HE HOPES THOUGH THAT THIS WILL SEND A MESSAGE TO PARK OWNERS. OTHER COUNCIL PEOPLE SPOKE AGAINST THE ORDINANCE. ONE SAID ITS NOT FAIR TO HAVE PARK OWNERS PAY MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR THE UP-KEEP OF THE PARK BUT NOT GET ANY INCOME.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/4	6:04	1:20	FOR SOME SHORE-FRONT PROPERTIES, WHETHER IT BE HOMES, BOATHOUSES, OR RESTAURANTS, A FEW FEET CAN BE A LOT. AMEREN MISSOURI, THE COMPANY THAT MANAGES THE SHORELINE AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS, HAS PROPOSED NARROWING ITS OFFICIAL LAND OWNERSHIP TO 662 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL AROUND THE ENTIRE SHORELINE. "Over half the lake right now is at 662, let's lower the rest of the project boundary to 662 and get these structures in such a way that they're no longer in the project boundary."

					THE PROPOSAL IS IN RESPONSE TO A FEDERAL REQUEST FOR AMEREN TO RECLAIM IT'S ORIGINAL BOUNDARIES AT THE LAKE. BUT MANY OF THE CURRENT LANDOWNERS HAVE STRUCTURES BUILT ON THE LAND INSIDE THAT BOUNDARY. "Rather than seek enforcement or removal of these homes, we've sought a better solution in my opinion which is to seek out a comprehensive lowering of the project boundary." THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF ONE SHORELINE IN CAMDENTON. THE BLACK LINE SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF LAND THAT AMEREN CURRENTLY OWNS. THE GREEN LINE SHOWS THE AMOUNT OF LAND THAT IT IS WILLING TO GIVE UP SO PROPERTY OWNERS WONT LOSE PARTS OF THEIR STRUCTURES. THIS PROPOSAL NOW GOES TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATION COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL. SOPHIA PETENAKIS, KOMU-8 NEWS, LAKE OF THE OZARKS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/5	10:11	:25	SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL WILL BE IN KANSAS CITY TOMORROW TO TALK ABOUT KEEPING SEVERAL RURAL POST OFFICES OPEN - AND MAINTAIN SIX-DAY DELIVERY. THE U-S POSTAL SERVICE IS EXPECTED TO LOSE A RECORD 14 BILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. MCCASKILL WANTS TO CUT COSTS BY REDUCING FUTURE RETIREE HEALTH BENEFITS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	1/6	10:03	1:36	AS A VETERAN TRAVEL AGENT, PAULA THOMAS SAYS SHE COULDN'T IMAGINE DOING ANYTHING ELSE.

JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/7	10:16	:40	MANY SMALL MARKET CITIES, AND IT ALSO MADE CUTS IN CHICAGO, DALLAS, AND ATLANTA. THOMAS SAYS THE CANCELLATION DOESN'T ONLY AFFECT PASSENGERS, BUT ALSO HER BUSINESS. "Its taken out some inventory that we can't sell." JOE CHIODO, KOMU 8 NEWS, COLUMBIA MONDAYTHE MISSOURI HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY WILL HOLD A HEARING TO LOOK INTO THE STATE'S TAX INCENTIVES FOR JOB CREATION.
					come in." BUT MID-MISSOURIANS WON'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE COLD AS EASILY AS THEY THOUGHT. THAT'S BECAUSE DELTA WON'T RESUME MIDDAY FLIGHTS FROM COLUMBIA AS PROMISED. Usually at 11:00 the security lines behind me would be filled with passengers, but the trays are stacked, the gates are closed, the lobby is empty." EMPTY BECAUSE UNTIL MARCH SECOND TRAVELLERS USING THE AIRPORT CAN ONLY LEAVE IN THE MORNING OR LATE AFTERNOONCHOICES TRAVELERS DON'T LIKE. "They weren't happy about it because the one they took out was one of the ones they likedit was a midday flight." DELTA ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED THE 11:30 FLIGHT WOULD RETURN THIS PAST WEDNESDAY, BUT A SPOKESPERSON FOR THE COMPANY SAID DELTA ALWAYS CUTS BACK FLIGHTS EVERY YEAR THIS TIME. HE SAID THIS YEAR WAS ESPECIALLY TOUGH BECAUSE OF THE PRICE OF JET FUEL. THE COMPANY SAYS THE TREND IS COMMON IN
					I make people happy, and make their travels smooth" THOMAS HAS BEEN IN THE BUSINESS SINCE 1972 AND SAYS THE WINTER MONTHS ARE ALWAYS SOME OF THE BUSIEST. "When the first snow hits, thats when people want to be somewhere warmer and thats when the heavy travel starts to

					FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS BUSINESSES HAVE PROMISED TO BRING JOBS TO MISSOURIIN EXCHANGE FOR TAX BREAKS. BUT FIGURES FROM THE D-E-D SHOW THE BUSINESSES HAVEN'T HELD UP THEIR END OF THE DEAL. MOST NOTABLY, THE FAILED MAMTEK VENTURE THAT LEFT MOBERLY WITH 39 MILLION IN UNPAID BONDS. WE'VE ALSO TOLD YOU ABOUT I-B-MIT ANNOUNCED IT WOULD BRING 800 JOBS TO COLUMBIA, IN EXCHANGE FOR ALMOST \$30 MILLION IN TAX INCENTIVES. I-B-M HAS REFUSED TO RELEASE HIRING NUMBERSBUT DID SAY IT'S ONLY REQUIRED TO CREATE 600 JOBS IN COLUMBIA. IT HAS UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR TO FILL THE JOBS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/8	6:13	:20	GOVERNOR NIXON SAYS MISSOURI IS PAYING 3.3 MILLION DOLLARS TO HELP REPAIR SOME OF THE STATE'S MOST-BATTERED LEVEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AFTER PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED A NATIONWIDE DISASTER RELIEF BILL THAT GIVES 1.7 BILLION DOLLARS TO THE U-S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS - WHICH INCLUDES MONEY TO HELP FIX LEVEES IN MISSOURI.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/9	10:14	:40	THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FACED TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM A MISSOURI HOUSE COMMITTEE TODAY. LIKE IS THE MISSOURI QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM REALLY WORTH THE MONEY. THE COMMITTEE PRESSED D-E-D MANAGEMENT TO ACKNOWLEDGE MAMTEK AS A FAILUREAND REPEATEDLY ASKED WHAT "SUCCESS," IN THE QUALITY

					JOBS PROGRAM MEANS. DEPARTMENT BOSSES REFUSED TO SAY MAMTEK WAS A FAILURE, AND DIDN'T GIVE THAT DEFINITION. THEY ALSO INSISTED THE PROJECTED JOB NUMBERS FOR THE PROGRAMS ARE ESTIMATES, NOT PROMISES.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/10	10:01	1:12	WHEN ALYSSA BUSTAMANTE WALKED INTO THIS ROOM THE AIR WAS JUST AS QUIET AS IT IS RIGHT NOW. BUSTAMANTE SEEMED OLDERWITH HAIR DOWN TO HER WAIST, A GREEN JUMPSUIT AND CHAINS. "We want to show Judge Joyce a more complete picture of who Alyssa Bustamante is" ELIZABETH OLTEN'S FAMILY SAT IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM, WEARING THE SAME SHIRTS THEY WORE TO THE LITTLE GIRLS' MEMORIAL. ALREADY OUTRAGED BY THE IDEA OF THE DEAL, A FAMILY SPOKESPERSON TOLD KOMU "ELIZABETH'S MOTHER IS ABSOLUTELY DEVASTED. SHE WANTED IT TO GO TO FULL TRIAL - SHE WANTED LIFE IN PRISON WITHOUT PAROLE." BUT JUDGE PAT JOYCE ACCEPTED THIS INDICTMENT KNOCKING THE CHARGE TO SECOND DEGREE MURDER, AND ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION. THE MOST COMPELLING PART OF THE HEARING WAS WHEN THE JUDGE MADE BUSTAMANTE SAY IT OUT LOUD. "I strangled her and stabbed her in the chest" "Did you slit her throat?' "Yes" STILL HER LAWYERS INSIST A SECOND DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IS APPROPRIATE. "I think after you hear the evidence and the sentencing

					hearing, you'll also agree." WITH THIS DEAL, BUSTAMANTE COULD BE FREE IN AS SOON AS TEN YEARS. "It's going to be a very difficult decision for the judge. What is the appropriate punishment for a 15 year old girl?" ON FEBRUARY 6 AND 7TH, THE JUDGE WILL MAKE THAT DECISION. JESSICA SMITH, KOMU 8 NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/11	6:03	1:39	STATE SENATOR WILL KRAUS SAYS THERE'S FRAUD IN THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. A person behind me was on the cell phone talking and said, hey, I've got Mr. Smith EBT card here I'm getting groceries. That gave me the ideathere are people selling their EBT cards." SO HE WANTS A VALID PHOTO I-D REQUIREMENT ON MISSOURI FOOD STAMP CARDS. SOME DEMS THINK IT MAY BE A BAD IDEA "I think that it could be an expensive proposition." BUT ON THE ISSUE OF FRAUDLAWMAKERS CAN REALLY ONLY FUND PROGRAMS TO FIGHT IT. "We don't necessarily drill down and look for it ourselves." "So lawmakers here at the state capitol in Jefferson City reccommended we go across the street to the department of social services, those are the guys that gave us the numbers on out-of-state spending on food stamps initiallyit turns outthey're not really interested in talking about the details behind the numbers." WE SENT AN EMAIL TO COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR SETH BUNDY: CAN WE SET UP AN INTERVIEW FOR TOMORROW?I THINK IT WOULD BE GREAT TO SHOW THE TAXPAYERS HOW MUCH WORK GOES INTO SAFEGUARDING MONEY SET ASIDE FOR FAMILIES ON ASSISTANCE. BUNDY'S RESPONSECAUGHT YOUR PIECE LAST

					NIGHT. I THINK I'LL PASS ON THE INTERVIEW. THANKS. BUT AFTER WE POSTED A WEB STORY SAYING THE DEPARTMENT WOULDN'T COMMENT BUNDY SENT ANOTHER EMAIL THIS TIME OFFERING MILITARY FAMILIES ON FOOD STAMPS, STATIONED OUTSIDE MISSOURI, AS A VIABLE EXPLANATION FOR SOME OUT- OF-STATE SPENDING. IT WAS A SHORT ANSWER TO LOTS OF QUESTIONS YOU RAISED ON OUR WEBISTE AND FACEBOOK PAGEAFTER THE INITIAL STORY BECAME ONE OF THE MOST VIEWED STORIES ON KOMU.COM. ACCORDING TO BUNDY, D-S-S FOUND THREE THOUSAND CASES OF FRAUD "ACROSS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS." STILL, NO ANSWER ON EXACTLY HOW MANY OF THEM WERE FOOD STAMP-RELATED.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/12	10:04	1:20	IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS, CANDIDATES CAN BEGIN FILING FOR STATE AND LOCAL OFFICE IN MISSOURIBUT RULES DATING BACK TO OUR COUNTRY'S FOUNDING ARE GETTING IN THE WAY. "He argues that it's not inconsistent with the Constitution but that's not the standard" THE MISSOURI SUPREME COURT HEARD CHALLENGES AGAINST REDISTRICTING OF STATE HOUSE AND STATE SENATE LINES AS WELL AS U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS BECAUSE OF THE 2010 CENSUS. ATTORNEYS IN THE CASE SAID ACCORDING TO THE CONSTITUTION, LEGISLATORS ARE TAKING AWAY VOTER'S EQUAL PROTECTION RIGHTS AND CREATING AN UNEVEN VOTING POWER. THAT IS WHY THEY WANT LINES REDRAWN AND MADE MORE COMPACT. "The governor needs to restart the reapportionment process and whatever map is validly in place when filing opens

					in Februarythat map must control the entire 2012 election." THE DECISION NEEDS TO BE MADE FAST, BUT IT'S NOT LOOKING PROMISING. "In terms of the tight time frame I would certainly hope for a prompt ruling, but i don't know if today or tomorrow is realistic. ATTORNEYS ARE HOPING THAT THE LEGISLATURE WILL BE SMART AND ACT QUICKLY. "They know that if they don't do it fast enough, either they don't get to file for office, or the court will file it for them. neither of those would be very palliable options to the legislature."
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	1/13	5:10	:40	THE AMERICAN RED CROSS CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER IS ASSISTING THE NINE-MEMBER FRANKLIN FAMILY WHO LOST EVERYTHING IN A FIRE YESTERDAY THE FIRE OCCURED EARLY THURSDAY MORNING OFF HIGHWAY 87 THE RED CROSS HAS PROVIDED THE FAMILY WITH RESOURCES TO HELP THEM OBTAIN FOOD AND CLOTHING AS WELL AS LODGING FOR THREE NIGHTS IN A BOONVILLE HOTEL IF YOU WANT TO HELP THE FAMILY YOU CAN FIND A LIST OF ALL THE DONATION SITES ON OUR WEBSITE KOMU DOT COM
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/14	6:02	:35	HONEYWELL ANNOUNCED A RECALL OF ABOUT 19- THOUSAND PORTABLE HEATERS, SAYING THERE'S A BURN HAZARD. THE RECALL INCLUDES MODEL NUMBERS HZ-420, 430, AND 440. THE DATE CODES, FOUND ON THE METAL PRONGS OF THE PLUG, END IN 11 AND THE HEATERS WERE SOLD FROM JULY TIL DECEMBER AT BEST BUY, MEIJER, AND WALMART STORES. GO AHEAD AND LOG ONTO OUR WEBISTE FOR MORE DETAILS AND REFUND INFORMATION.

GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/15	10:04	:35	SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL WILL BE IN COLUMBIA TOMORROW. SHE'S CONTINUING HER HOMETOWN ENERGY TOUR. IN THE TOUR, SHE SAYS SHE'S HEARING FROM REGIONAL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR ENERGY LEAERS MCCASKILL WILL HOST A ROUNDTABLE DIESCUSSION AT COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL POWER PLANT AT ONE-THIRTY TOMORROW. THE PLANT USES A MIX OF 20 PERCENT WOOD CHIPS-FROM SCRAPS OF OAK WINE BARRELS MADE IN MISSOURI-WITH 80 PERCENT COAL TO PRODUCE POWER. THIS SUMMER, COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL WILL TESTBURN BIOMASS.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10	1/16	10:06	:37	SOME OTHER KIDS WHO WERE OFF SCHOOL TODAY TOOK TIME TO LEARN ABOUT SAFETY. THEY PARTICIPATED IN KID SAFETY DAY IN JEFFERSON CITY. STUDENTS LEARNED TIPS TO HELP THEM IN TRICKY SITUATIONS. A RED CROSS INSTRUCTOR TAUGHT THEM HOW TO SPLINT AN INJURY AND PERFORM C-P-R ON ANOTHER CHILD. IN THE AFTERNOON, IT WAS TIME TO LEARN SOME SELF-DEFENSE. A 4-H PARENT AND CENTER WORKER THOUGHT UP THE IDEA AFTER HEARING ABOUT SOME MISSOURI KIDNAPPINGS.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/17	6:02	:20	THE RECURRING THEME OF MISSOURI GOVERNMENT IS BUDGET CUTS. THIS YEAR'S CUTS WILL EFFECT ALL OF MISSOURI INCLUDING THE GOVERNOR'S OWN OFFICE.

					ON TOP OF THAT, JAY HARDENBROOK FROM THE MISSOURI BUDGET PROJECT TALKED ABOUT MONEY THE STATE OWES THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/18	10:04	1:10	It's dinner time at Ashland Villa Residential Care But it takes a little longer for everyone to get their food. That's because they need a few more helping hands on staff.
					"It's a hard job - it requires a special heart to do it and to stick with it - it almost has to be your life's passion to stay in this field for years and years."
					Regardless - McBride needs four or five more staff members. She's had the positions open for months
					But hasn't seemed to find the right people to fill themeven with the current economy looking up. State unemployment's the lowest it's been since 0-9.
					"We pay close attention to the trends. What we've seen - as far as the trend of the unemployment rate is a very positive trend in the past year."
					Statistics provided by the State's Department of Economic Development - show health professions and senior care - top the list in whose hiring
					But McBride hasn't seen that at Ashland Villa. "A lot of the people that apply are only willing to work certain shifts."
					And so, the cycle continues with senior citizens waiting for dinner. Meredith Baldwin, KOMU 8 News, Ashland.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	1/19	5:21	:35	HERE'S A STAT THAT WILL GIVE YOU PAUSE THIS MORNING AS MANY AS 1 IN 10 CHILDREN IN THE U-S LIVE WITH AN ALCOHOLIC PARENT.
					RESEARCHERS FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ANALYZED NATIONAL SURVEY DATA FROM 2005
					THROUGH 20-10 FOR THE REPORT. DURING THAT TIME PERIOD, 10.5-PERCENT OF KIDS AND TEENS UNDER 18 HAD AT LEAST ONE

					ALCOHOLIC PARENT. MOST OF THOSE KIDS LIVED IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH 2 PARENTS BUT OF THE SINGLE PARENT
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	1/20	5/22	:40	HOUSEHOLDS, THE MAJORITY WERE SINGLE MOTHERS. VGOVERNOR NIXON STOPPED IN CALIFORNIA, MISSOURI TODAY ON HIS STATEWIDE TOUR TO INTRODUCE THE MISSOURI WORKS STRATEGY THE LARGEST EMPLOYER IN CALIFORNIA, BURGERS SMOKEHOUSE, PLAYED HOST. MONITEAU COUNTY'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS SEVEN POINT EIGHT PERCENT, JUST ZERO POINT TWO PERCENT BELOW THE STATE AVERAGE. THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY SAYS HE WELCOMES ANY PLAN TO HELP GET CITIZENS BACK TO WORK.
DRUGS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/21	5:23	:30	MISSOURI LEGISLATORS ARE CRACKING DOWN AGAIN ON OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICINE TO TRY AND DECREASE METH USE. LAST YEAR MISSOURI LEGISLATORS INTRODUCED A SIMILAR BILL, BUT THE SENATE SHUT IT DOWN. THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD DECREASE THE GRAMS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE A PERSON CAN BUY IN A 30-DAY PERIOD FROM NINE GRAMS TO SEVEN POINT FIVE GRAMS. THE AMOUNT OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE A PERSON CAN BUY IN A YEAR WOULD ALSO DECREASE FROM 108 GRAMS TO 75 GRAMS.
DRUGS	KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY	1/22	6:30	:35	AN ARIZONA JUDGE TOLD THE STATE'S GOVERNMENT IT SHOULD LET PEOPLE HAVE THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES THEY VOTED FOR IN 20-10. THE JUDGE ORDERED GOVERNOR JAN BREWER TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE LAW AND ALLOW THE DISPENSARIES TO OPEN. GOVERNOR BREWER HAS BEEN A CONSISTENT

					OPPONENT OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA.
					THE LAW WILL ALLOW UP TO 126 DISPENSARIES
1000/000/000/					IN THE STATE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS	1/23	6:14	:33	THE MAXIMUM GROWTH RATE WOULD BE
	AT SIX				RECALCULATED EVERY YEAR.
					THE BILL SETS THE RATE AS THE SUM OF
					INFLATION, THE POPULATION GROWTH RATE, AND ONE
					POINT FIVE PERCENT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL
					REVENUE.
					IT WOULD BE RECALCULATED EACH YEAR.
					IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, THE LEGISLATURE CAN VOTE
					TO SPEND MORE THAN THE LIMIT WOULD ALLOW.
					IF VOTERS APPROVE ANY INCREASES IN TAXES OR
					FEES, THOSE WON'T BE INCLUDED IN THAT YEAR'S
					APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT.
					BUT SENATORS FROM BOTH PARTIES AREN'T
					SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS	1/24	10:02	1:10	((NAT OPEN OF GIRL TALKING))
	AT TEN				WITH RECENT NEWS OF STATE-WIDE CUTS FOR
					MISSOURI, COLUMBIA REPRESENTATIVE MARY STILL
					WANTS TO RAISE MISSOURI'S CIGARETTE TAX FROM 17
					CENTS A PACK, TO 89 CENTS.
					"So it seems to me we have to look at what we value in
					this state, and I know in Columbia we value education"
					STILL ESTIMATES THE TAX WOULD RAISE \$400
					MILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE TO FUND EDUCATION
					AND HEALTH CARE, BUT SOME PEOPLE STILL OPPOSE
					IT.
					"I just feel that I don't agree with the new tax on
					cigarettes for the sheer fact that cigarettes have been heavily
					taxed already, and they are singling out one single part of the
					economy as opposed, you know, to finding something that is
					not as taxed as right now"
					OPPOSING REPRESENTATIVES ANTICIPATE
					SIMILIAR REACTIONS FROM SPECIFIC MISSOURI
					RESIDENTS.
					"It seems that most people that are likely to smoke, are

					those less affluent, and it seems short-sided to punish those folks for that" THE PROPOSED TAX INCREASE WOULD BRING MISSOURI'S 17-CENTS A PACK TAX CLOSER TO THAT OF SURROUNDING STATES. "Now Mary Still said the proposed bill has to go to the legislature before it can go to the vote of the people, and she was very adament that there were many roadblocks ahead." UNTIL THEN, MISSOURIANS CAN CONTINUE TO BUY THEIR RELATIVELY CHEAP CIGARETTES. ANDREW CARTER, KOMU 8 NEWS.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/25	10:08	:30	THIS ANALYSIS OF HOMICIDES IN 2009 COMES FROM THE VIOLENCE POLICY CENTER, LOCATED IN WASHINGTON D-C. THE REPORT SHOWS MISSOURI HAS 7 TIMES THE NUMBER OF BLACK HOMICIDES AS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE. THAT'S ABOUT 35 PER 100,000 PEOPLE IN TOTAL WE'RE TALKING ABOUT 239 DEATHS
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/26	10:02	1:10	GOP PRESIDENTIAL HOPEFULS ARE BUSY IN CAMPAIGNING IN FLORIDA FOR ITS PRIMARY ELECTION NEXT WEEK. MISSOURI'S PRIMARY FOLLOWS ON FEBUARY 7TH. IT WILL COST THE STATE MILLIONSBUT THE RESULTS EFFECTIVELY MEAN NOTHING. THAT'S BECAUSE THE ELECTION IS NON- BINDING. THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL ALSO HOLD A STATEWIDE CAUCUS IN MARCH. THAT'S DUE TO A RULE CHANGE BY THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN PARTY. IF MISSOURI WERE TO CHOOSE ITS CANDIDATE USING THE PRIMARY, THE MISSOURI REPUBLICAN PARTY WOULD HAD LOST HALF OF ITS DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

					SO WHAT SOME ARE CALLING AN UNNECESSARY PRIMARY IS COSTING THE STATE A CHUNK OF CHANGE.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	1/27	5:08	:45	STATE LAWMAKERS HAVE RESPONDED TO GOVERNOR NIXON'S BUDGET CUTS, NOW MIZZOU STUDENTS ARE JOINING IN AS WELL. THE MISSOURI STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IS PUSHING A CAMPAIGN CALLED "MORE FOR LESS" IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS BY THE GOVERNOR. MSA MEMBER, STEVEN DICKHERBER PROPOSED THE IDEA AND SAYS ALL THE STUDENTS HE'S MENTIONED IT TO ARE EXCITED TO GET STARTED. THE MORE FOR LESS CAMPAIGN PLANS TO START BY COLLECTING LETTERS FROM THE STUDENT BODY IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED CUTS. MSA'S PRESIDENT, XAVIER BILLINGSLEY (BILL-LINGS-LEE) SAYS THEIR GOAL IS ONE THOUSAND LETTERS ON GOVERNOR NIXON'S DESK BEFORE MARCH.
ALCOHOL	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/28	10:01	:35	MIAMI POLICE ARRESTED FORMER M-U FOOTBALL PLAYER ALDON SMITH THIS MORNING FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE. GOOD EVENING I'M KIM ST. ONGE. AND I'M HEATHER TRUMPFHELLER MIAMI-DADE POLICE ARRESTED THE SAN FRANCISCO FORTY-NINERS LINEBACKER AROUND NINE THIRTY THIS MORNING. THE TEAM SELECTED SMITH WITH THE SEVENTH OVERALL PICK IN LAST SPRING'S DRAFT, AND RANKED FIFTH IN THE N-F-L WITH FOURTEEN SACKS THIS SEASON. AUTHORITIES SET BOND AT ONE-THOUSAND DOLLARS.
DRUGS	KOMU 8 NEWS	1/29	10:02	:45	29-YEAR-OLD NICHOLAS POWELL AND 19-YEAR OLD

	AT TEN				JADE LEWIS WERE ARRESTED FOR MANUFACTURING OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LEWIS IS ALSO BEING CHARGED WITH THIRD DEGREE ASSAULT ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AND RESISTING ARREST 20-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL ROBINSON AND 19-YEAR-OLD HAILY ROBINSON WERE ALSO ARRESTED AT THE SCENE HAILY IS BEING CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WHILE MICHAEL IS BEING CHARGED WITH MANUFACTURING OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND IDENTIY THEFT HE HAD TWO WARRENTS FOR HIS ARREST FROM ILLINOIS FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT AND PAROLE VIOLATION
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	1/30	10:02	:34	TODAY A STATE SENATE COMMITTEE GRILLED GOVERNOR NIXON'S NOMINEE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. NIXON PUT JASON HALL IN PLACE AS THE D-E-D BOSS AFTER FORMER DIRECTOR DAVID KERR STEPPED DOWN FOLLOWING THE MAMTEK CONTROVERSY. HOW HALL WOULD PREVENT ANOTHER MAMTEK FROM HAPPENING WAS PART OF THE DEBATE TODAY. HALL SAYS HIS DEPARTMENT WILL LOOK FOR NEW INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES WHILE KEEPING MISSOURI TAXPAYERS IN MIND.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	1/31	6:04	:40	I SPOKE WITH A REP FOR THE CURATORS TODAY, AND SHE TOLD ME SHE DOES NOT EXPECT THE CURATORS TO VOTE ON THESE HIKES THIS WEEK. IF THE CURATORS PASS THE HIKES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE A PENALTY FOR PASSING HIKES ABOVE THE INFLATION RATE. THE REP TOLD ME THE CURATOR'S MEETING IN

					KANSAS CITY WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. REPORTING LIVE IN COLUMBIA, CAITLIN ALEXANDER, KOMU 8 NEWS.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	2/1	5:03	:35	YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE THE SENTENCING OF ALYSSA BUSTAMANTE ON LOCAL MEDIA NEXT WEEK. THAT'S BECAUSE JUDGE PATRICIA JOYCE HAS BARRED CAMERAS AND MICROPHONES FROM THE SENTENCING THAT BEGINS ON MONDAY. JOYCE WROTE THE BAN YESTERDAY, CITING OBJECTIONS FROM BOTH SIDES. MISSOURI COURT RULES ALLOW JUDGES TO BAN CAMERAS. THIS MEANS AFTER TWO YEARS OF TRIAL PROCEEDINGS, THE GENERAL PUBLIC WILL NEITHER HEAR NOR SEE BUSTAMANTE RECEIVE HER SENTENCE FOR SECOND-DEGREE MURDER.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/2	10:04	:40	THE U.S. HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED A NEW HIGHWAY BILL THAT HAS SMALL BUSINESS TRUCKERS UP IN ARMS. THE NEW BILL WOULD INCREASE TRUCK SIZE AND WEIGHT LIMITS, WHICH WOULD COMPROMISE HIGHWAY SAFETY AND LEAD TO COST INCREASES. THE LAW IS INTENDED TO INCREASE THE PROFITS OF BIG BUSINESS TRUCKERS. SMALL BUSINESS TRUCKERS CITE INCREASED ROAD CONGESTION, AND HIGHER COSTS AS REASONS WHY THEY ARE AGAINST THE BILL.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	2.3	10:01	:35	UM CURATORS MET FOR DAY TWO OF THEIR MEETING AT UMKC TODY, BUT DID NOT VOTE ON THE PROPOSED TUITION INCREASE. THE PROPOSED INCREASE WOULD MEAN A 7.5

					PERCENT HIKE FOR THE COLUMBIA CAMPUS. THAT MEANS FOR STUDENTS PAYING IN-STATE RATES, THEIR TUITION WOULD INCREASE BY SIX- HUNDRED AND SEVENTY DOLLARS. AND FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTSTUITION WOULD INCREASE BY MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
ECONOMY/JOBS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/4	6:17	:25	GREEK OFFICIALS SET TOMORROW AS A CRUCIAL DEADLINE AS PART OF NEGOTIATIONS ABOUT DEALING WITH THE COUNTRY'S DEBT. GREECE'S FINANCE MINISTER SAID THAT IT WILL BE THE FINAL DAY OF DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN LENDERS ON ITS 170-BILLION DOLLAR BAILOUT. THE MINISTER SAID CONVINCING POLITICAL LEADERS TO SUPPORT TOUGH REFORMS REMAINS A STICKING POINT. THAT STICKING POINT HAS OTHER COUNTRIES WORRIED GREECE WILL FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE REFORMS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/5	10:03	:45	BUSINESSES IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA STAYED BUSY THIS WEEKEND WITH LOTS OF SPORTS FANS LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO EAT AND WATCH THE GAME. RESTAURANTS AND BARS FILLED UP WITH FANS CHEERING ON THE TIGERS AGAINST KU LAST NIGHT, AND IT WAS A QUICK TURNAROUND BEFORE THEY DID IT ALL AGAIN TODAY FOR THE SUPERBOWL. "It's been non-stop since Friday. With all the KU people in town and Mizzou fans, now we're getting ready for a superbowl party for today, so it's been a fun and busy weekend." "A lot of our employees understand that they have to stay late and work long hours. We get really busy both pizza wise and at the bar." BUSINESSES DOWNTOWN SAID THE CRAZY

					WEEKEND WAS JUST WHAT THEY EXPECTED AND MOST HAD PREPARED WITH EXTRA INVENTORY AND STAFF ON HAND.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/6	10:15	1:10	((Nats - change drops into meter) PAYING YOUR METER LIKE THIS IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA COULD SOON BE A THING OF THE PAST. THE CITY IS TESTING OUT THESE NEW MACHINES WHERE DRIVERS CAN PAY USING THEIR CREDIT CARDS AND EVEN THEIR SMART PHONES. "A higher tech meter head should increase the number of options available for payment and make it more convenient for customers to be able to feed the meters." THE OWNER OF "THE ROME" RESTAURANT SAYS HE BELIEVES THE NEW METER OUTSIDE HIS BUSINESS COULD BRING IN MORE CUSTOMERS. "The concept is good and it makes it more convenient for customers to come down so that customers can pay with a debit card and not necessarily have to walk back to their car to feed the meter." THE CITY'S PILOT PROGRAM WILL TEST TWO TYPES OF PARKING METERS. IT RECENTLY INSTALLED ONE TYPE WHERE DRIVERS GO TO THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK TO PAY AT A MACHINE. SOON IT WILL INSTALL ANOTHER SYSTEM WHERE EACH PARKING SPACE WILL HAVE ITS OWN PAYMENT MACHINE. "I think it will be a lot better just because everyoen they don't want to carry a bunch of quarters with them. It's very convenient for students or locals that live around here." MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE HOPE THAT EASIER PARKING MEANS MORE REVENUE WILL COME FROM THE METERS AND LESS FROM PARKING FINES. ELIZABETH HAGEDORN, KOMU8 NEWS, COLUMBIA.

CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/7	6:03	1:10	NURSES SAY SHE IS VERY RESPONSIVE AND THEY HOPE SHE WILL MAKE A FULL RECOVERY THIS IS THE BABY'S MOTHER 39 YEAR OLD BRADIE SIMPSON. POLICE WERE CALLED VERY EARLY SATURDAY MORNING BY SIMPSON'S NEIGHBORS SAYING THE MOTHER AND BABY WERE MISSING. POLICE FOUND HER IN THE WOODS BEHIND HER HOUSEHOLDING HER BLEEDING 9-MONTH-OLD. THE BABY WAS COVERED IN BLOOD AND NON- RESPONSIVE. BOTH WERE RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL. DOCTORS WERE ABLE TO REVIVE THE BABY AND SAID THE COLD WEATHER AND THE QUICK RESPONSE BY THE DEPUTIES ARE PART OF THE REASON THE BABY IS STILL ALIVE. THE MOTHER ALSO HAD SERIOUS INJURIES. WHILE THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOINGSHERIFF DWIGHT FRANKLIN TOLD ME HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANYONE ELSE IS INVOLVED.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/8	10:02	1:10	(NATS FULL CLICKING) SOY LABS EMPLOYEES WORK AT THE MISSOURI PLANT SCIENCE CENTER. THEY WILL BEGIN MANUFACTURING A NEW SOY POWDER PRODUCT NEXT WEEK THAT IS EXPECTED TO LOWER CHOLESTEROL. "The whole idea here is to produce products that are actually effective and provide health benefits." "The plant manufactures soy protien powder by grinding up about three-thousand of these soy beans per hour." IF ITS PRODUCTS TAKE OFF, SOY LABS HOPES TO ATTRACT NEW COMPANIES TO THE CENTER'S FACILTIES. "Young companies, new companies can come in, do their research, prove their concepts, then take them out into the production facility and perfect the manufacturing processes."

					SOY LABS HOPES TO BRING MORE MANUFACTURING PLANTS TO THE 50 ACRES SURROUNDING THE CENTER. "There's a lot of full and part-time jobs that will stem from this one particular project, and that's just one that we have that we're starting off with, and we anticipate even more in the near future." NEW COMPANIES COUPLED WITH A SOY LABS EXPANSION COULD BRING ABOUT 50 MORE JOBS TO MEXICO WITHIN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. STACEY WELSH- KOMU 8 NEWS, MEXICO.
CRIME	KOMU 8NEWS AT SIX	2/9	6:00	:35	EARLY THIS MORNING POLICE RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF AN ARMED ROBERY ON THE M-U CAMPUS. THE ROBBERY HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 2 A.M.NEAR MEMORIAL UNION. THE MALE VICTIM SAYS HE WAS ROBBED AT GUNPOINT. HE SAYS HE SAW THE ROBBER RUN NORTH ALONG HITT STREET NEAR THE FINE ARTS BUILDING. ANYONE WITH ANY INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO CALL CRIME STOPPERS AT 5-7-38-7-58-4-7-7.
HEALTH	KOMU 8NEWS AT FIVE	2/10	5:26	:20	EARLY ALZHEIMER MAY BE REVERSABLE BY A RARELY-USED CANCER DRUG. THE DRUG BEXAROTENE (bex-AIR-oh-teen) IS TRADITIONALLY USED TO TREAT LYMPHOMA CANCER. RESEARCHERS GAVE MICE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF ALZHEIMER'S THE DRUG AND FOUND SOME OF THEIR BRAIN ABNORMALITIES WERE REVERSED.

					THE MICE ALSO PERFORMED BETTER ON TESTS OF MEMORY AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/11	6:01	:45	COLUMBIA POLICE NOW SAY THEY HAVE SUSPECTS IN THE CASE AFTER A 19 YEAR OLD MAN WAS SHOT THIS MORNING DOWNTOWN. INVESTIGATORS ESTIMATE BETWEEN 20 AND 25 SHOTS RANG OUT IN FRONT OF THE BOONE COUNTY TAVERN JUST BEFORE 1 AM. GUNFIRE DAMAGED SEVERAL BUILDINGS AND VEHICLES IN THE AREA POLICE BELIEVE EVENTS STARTED AT THE RESTAURANT AND THEN MOVED TO THE STREET. I TRIED TO SPEAK WITH SOMEONE AT BOONE COUNTY TAVERN BUT THEY WOULD NOT COMMENT. POLICE SAY THEY BELIEVE THE SHOOTING IS A CONTINUATION OF AN ONGOING FEUD. WHILE INVESTIGATORS HAVE CONFIRMED TO KOMU 8 THEY HAVE SUSPECTS, THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO MAKE AN ARREST BECAUSE BOTH WITNESSES AND VICTIMS ON THE SCENE WON'T COOPERATE. POLICE SAY WITHOUT THAT INFORMATION, THEY DON'T HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE. I CAUGHT UP WITH A WITNESS TO THE CRIME JUST THIS AFTERNOON.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/12	10:15	:35	SOUTHWEST AIRLINES IS TAKING OFF IN GEORGIA. THE AIRLINE'S FIRST FLIGHTS LEFT ATLANTA'S HARTSFIELD-JACKSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT THIS MORNING. FOR NOW, THE AIRLINE, WHICH ACQUIRED AIRTRAN LAST YEAR, WILL FLY TO FIVE CITIES FROM ATLANTA. THERE WILL BE 15 FLIGHTS A DAY. SOUTHWEST PLANS TO ADD MORE FLIGHTS SOON, AS AIRTRAN PLANES ARE ROLLED INTO

	LONG NEWS	0/40	5.00		SOUTHWEST'S FLEET. HARTSFIELD-JACKSON IS THE WORLD'S BUSIEST AIRPORT.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	2/13	5:03	:35	TRUCKS CLEARING MID-MISSOURI ROADS STARTED WORKING EARLY THIS MORNING. MO-DOT AND THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CREWS WORKED ALL DAY TO GET RID OF SNOW AND PREVENT RE-FREEZING. MO-DOT SAYS IT STARTED PREPARING FOR MONDAY'S SNOWFALL ABOUT TWO DAYS AGO. SOME WORKERS REPORTED AS EARLY AS THREE IN THE MORNING TODAY TO PREPARE. THIS IS THE MOST SNOW THAT'S FALLEN THIS SEASON AND COMING THIS LATE, MO-DOT'S WINTER BUDGET MAY HAVE SOME LEFT OVER. ONE MO-DOT OFFICALS SAYS A CERTAIN CHEMICAL WILL KEEP THE BUDGET IN GOOD STANDING.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/14	6:04	:40	THIS WHOLE DEBATE CENTERS AROUND WHETHER BLAIR OAKS ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL LORI WINSLOW SUBMITTED ALL OF HER TEACHER EVALUATIONS FROM THE PAST TEN YEARSBASICALLY IT'S HER CAREER ON THE LINE. THE SCHOOL BOARD IS LISTENING TO PARENTS TONIGHT BUT HAVE NOT MADE A FINAL DECISION REGARDING HER FUTURE. NEARLY TWO HUNDRED PARENTS SHOWED UP, SOME ARRIVING AS EARLY AS 5:30 PM TO GET IN LINE TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS. MOST OF THESE PARENTS SUPPORT WINSLOW AND BELIEVE THAT SHE DID SUBMIT ALL OF HER EVALUATIONS.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS	2/15	10:06	1:10	ANGIEA SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

	AT TEN				ARRESTED HIM EARLIER TODAY, AND TONIGHT HE'S AT THE BOONE COUNTY JAIL. NOW WHEN STUDENTS WALK THROUGH THESE DOORS AT HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL THEY EXPECT TO BE SAFE. AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY ONE STUDENT MADE THAT POSSIBLE BY REPORTING THIS INCIDENT WITHIN MINUTES OF SEEING THE GUN. HERE'S A PICTURE THE STUDENT ACCUSED OF BRINGING THE WEAPON TO SCHOOL. IT'S 17-YEAR-OLD DEUNADRE LEWIS-GATEWOOD. A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER ARRESTED HIM AROUND NOON TODAY. ANOTHER STUDENT REPORTED SEEING LEWIS-GATEWOOD SHOW THE GUN TO ANOTHER STUDENT DURING A PASSING PERIOD BEFORE LUNCH. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS THEN FOUND THE GUN IN HIS BACKPACK AFTER CALLING HIM INTO THE OFFICE.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	2/16	5:07	:25	POSTS TO OUR KOMU FACEBOOK PAGE TODAY CALLED FOR UPGRADES AT THE INTERSECTION OF CALVERT HILL ROAD AND U.S. SIXTY-THREE WHERE ONE PERSON DIED IN AN ACCIDENT YESTERDAY. MODOT SAYS IT IS AWARE OF THE DANGERS PRESENTED BY THE CALVERT HILL INTERSECTION. IN 2005 ALONE THERE WERE 20 INJURIES FROM CAR ACCIDENTS THERE. MO-DOT RESPONDED BY PUTTING IN FLASHING YELLOW LIGHTS BEFORE THE INTERSECTION. IN THE LAST SIX YEARS, THERE HAVE BEEN A TOTAL OF 18 INJURIES AND 2 DEATHS. BUT MODOT SAYS, REALISTICALLY, THERE'S NO MONEY FOR AN OVERPASS AT THAT SPOT.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS	2/17	5:04	:45	A HIGH SCHOOL NEAR SEDALIA WAS ON LOCKDOWN

	AT FIVE				THIS MORNING AFTER A SUSPICIOUS DEVICE WAS REPORTED ON THE CAMPUS. THE SMITHTON HIGH SCHOOL IN SMITHTON WAS ON LOCKDOWN FROM EIGHTY-THIRTY A-M TO ELEVEN A-M. EVERYONE IS SAFE AND OFFICIALS SAY THE DEVICE WAS NOT EXPLOSIVE. THE SUPERINTENDENT SAYS LOCKING DOWN IS STANDARD IN SITUATIONS LIKE THIS WE'RE WORKING ON BRINGING YOU MORE INFORMATION.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	2/18	5:07	:55	DON ELLIOTT TOOK OVER AS INTERIM MANAGER IN OCTOBER ELLIOTT HAS BEEN A PART OF THE COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT SINCE 19-82 IN THE OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY SIDE AND WORKED HIS WAY UP THE RANKS TO WHERE HE IS TODAY. MANY RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY, ONE OF WHICH BEING A THIRTY FOUR MILLION DOLLAR RENOVATION TO THE RUNWAYS AS WELL AS THE ADDITION OF MORE AIRLINES. ELLIOTT SAYS THAT THE ADDITION OF MORE AIRLINES WILL MAKE THE PROCESS OF GETTING A TICKET WOULD BE EASIER. CURRENTLY, PEOPLE HAVE TO BOOK EXTREMELY EARLY JUST TO TAKE A PLANE OUT OF TOWN.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/19	6:04	:30	COLUMBIA POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A STRING OF SHOOTINGS OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS IN POPULATED AREAS OF THE CITY. GOOD EVENING, I'M DANIELLE MCCARTHY. AND I'M JAMAL ANDRESS. OFFICERS RESPONDED TO 10 WEST NIFONG IN FRONT OF SOUTHSIDE PIZZA AROUND 12:30 A-M THIS MORNING. THEY RECOVERED SHELL CASINGS FROM THE

					SCENE AND ONE BUILDING HAD DAMAGE FROM THE SHOOTING. NO ONE WAS HURT, AND THEY SAY WITNESSES WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY ANYONE INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING. THIS INCIDENT COMES AFTER TWO SHOOTINGS YESTERDAY THAT ALSO DIDN'T HARM ANYONE. POLICE HAVE MADE NO ARRESTS IN ANY OF THE CASES.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/20	10:14	:25	MORTGAGE RATES ARE AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. THIS WEEK, WE'LL SEE IF THEY STAY THERE AND IF THOSE RATES WILL DRIVE MORE OWNERS TO REFINANCE, OR PERHAPS, DRIVE MORE POTENTIAL OWNERS TO JUMP BACK IN AND BUY A NEW OR PREOWNED HOME. A LOT OF NEW AND OLD FORECLOSURES ARE STILL DILUTING THE MIX.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	2/21	5:10	:40	EVERYONE'S PAYING MORE BUT SOME MORE THAN OTHERS. CURATORS VOTED THIS MORNING TO RAISE INSTATE FEES BY HUNDREDS EACH YEAR. YOUR TUITION IS GOING UP THREE PERCENT STARTING THIS SUMMER THAT'S THE RATE OF INFLATION. THEY'RE LUCKY, THOUGH. OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS WILL PAY 7.5 PERCENT MORE FOR SCHOOL. AND FOUR SPECIFIC COLLEGES AT MU WILL CHARGE MORE FOR CLASSES ON TOP OF THESE INCREASES. THE BUSINESS SCHOOL'S RATES ARE GOING UP BY 17 DOLLARS PER CREDIT HOUR, FOR EXAMPLE. I TALKED TO ONE BUSINESS MAJOR FROM

					CHICAGO HE'S GETTING HIT FROM BOTH SIDES.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/21	10:03	:50	ANGIE, I JUST GOT OFF THE PHONE WITH SENATOR JOHN LAMPING, THE CONTRACEPTION COVERAGE BILL'S SPONSOR. HE TOLD ME HE AND FELLOW REPUBLICANS SPENT ABOUT 90 MINUTES TODAY CLEARING UP CONCERNS PERTAINING TO THE BILL'S CONSCIENCE CLAUSE. THAT CLAUSE GIVES EMPLOYERS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE CONTRACEPTION COVERAGE DEPENDING ON THEIR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS. LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE BILL'S STATUS. LAST WEEK, A SENATE BUSINESS COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE LEGISLATION 6-2. TODAY WAS THE BILL'S FIRST GO-ROUND ON THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION. SENATOR LAMPING TOLD ME THE SENATE WILL TALK ABOUT THE BILL POSSIBLY TOMORROW OR SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. HE SAYS MISSOURI NEEDS THE BILL TO AVOID THE SLIPPERY SLOPE THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION HAS PUT THE STATE IN.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/22	6:11	:30	JOBS IN JEFFERSON CITY THAT'S WHAT SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS TALKED ABOUT TODAY WITH THEIR CONGRESS WOMAN. ABOUT THIRTY PEOPLE SAT DOWN WITH VICKY HARTZLER. SHE SAYS REGARDLESS OF WHAT TYPE OF LEGISLATION IS PASSED IN D.C TO FIX THE ECONOMY, IT'S THE PEOPLE WHO RUN SMALL BUSINESSES THAT KNOW BEST.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS	2/23	10:03	:40	STATE COMMISSION MEMBERS PROPOSED YET

	AT TEN				ANOTHER NEW MAP TO BETTER SERVE MISSOURIANS BY REDRAWING SENATE BOUNDARIES BASED ON THE 2010 CENSUS. THE CURRENT MAP WAS MADE AFTER THE 2000 CENSUS. BUT THIS NEW MAP WOULD SHAKE THINGS UP BOTH IN MID-MISSOURI AND THE STATE. BOONE AND COOPER WILL BE IN THE 19TH DISTRICT AND THE SIXTH DISTRICT WILL INCLUDE OSAGE, COLE, MILLER, MORGAN AND GASCONADE COUNTIES. THE BIGGEST SHAKE UP IS IN ST. LOUIS WHERE THE SEVENTH DISTRICT WILL MOVE FROM ST. LOUIS TO KANSAS CITY. THE SEVENTH DISTRICT SENATOR SAYS THIS PROPOSAL WASN'T WHAT WAS AGREED UPON BY SENATORS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/24	6:08	:35	TRIPLE A SAYS THE NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICE OF GASOLINE IS NOW THREE-DOLLARS-AND 65-CENTS PER GALLON. IT'S THE HIGHEST EVER FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR. LUCKILY, MID-MISSOURI PRICES ARE HOVERING AROUND THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY SEVEN CENTS A GALLON. BUT SOME PLACES AROUND THE COUNTRY ARE SEEING A GALLON OF GAS GO FOR FOUR DOLLARS. ANALYSTS SAY THE TENSIONS IN IRAN TRIGGERED THE GAS PRICE SURGE.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/25	6:05	:44	THE MISSOURI NATIONAL GUARD SPENT 117-THOUSAND DOLLARS LAST YEAR TO FLY GOVERNOR JAY NIXON AND MEMBERS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION OVER

					FLOODING AND TORNADO SITES. TAXPAYERS WILL FOOT THE BILL, BUT THE COST MAY NOT ALL COME FROM THE STATE TREASURY. THE NATIONAL GUARD ASKED THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO COVER 75 PERCENT OF THE TAB. LAWMAKERS INCLUDED WORDING IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET PROHIBITING AGENCIES FROM PAYING FOR NIXON'S FLIGHTS. BUT THEY INCLUDED AN EXCEPTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, WHICH INCLUDES THE GUARD.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/26	10:04	1:00	OFFICIALS IN MISSOURI SAY THE STATE IS TIGHTENING THE CRITERIA SOME PEOPLE MUST MEET TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID. RIGHT NOW, LOW-INCOME SENIORS AND THE DISABLED WHOSE INCOME IS HIGHER THAN THE PROGRAM'S LIMITS CAN QUALIFY BY MAKING A MONTHLY PAYMENT TO THE STATE OR BY SPENDING THEIR EXCESS INCOME ON MEDICAL BILLS. STATE OFFICIALS SAY IN SOME CASES STAFF WAS INCORRECTLY CREDITING A PATIENT'S ENTIRE MEDICAL BILL TOWARD HIS OR HER MONTHLY TOTAL, THAT MIGHT HAVE MADE IT EASIER FOR SENIORS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID, EVEN THOUGH THEY WEREN'T QUALIFIEDA PROBLEM THAT COULD BE CORRECTED BY MAY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	2/27	10:07	:40	THE STATE AUDITOR SAID TODAY A TAX-EXEMPT COMPANY SPENT AN UNACCEPTABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY ON LUXURIES LIKE VACATIONS AND SPORTS TICKETS. WE TOLD YOU EARLIER IT WAS TAXPAYER MONEY GOING TOWARD MISSOURI EMPLOYERS

					MUTUAL THAT'S NOT TRUE. THE COMPANY SAYS IT RECEIVES NO TAXPAYER DOLLARS. BUT THE STATE AUDITOR SAYS THE COMPANY HAS SAVED ABOUT 50-MILLION DOLLARS SINCE 1993. THE C-E-O OF M-E-M SAYS THE SPENDING IS JUSTIFIED TO STAY COMPETITIVE IN THE MARKET. THE TWO SIDES DISAGREE ON THAT THE STATE AUDITOR SAYS IT'D BE A LOT OF MONEY EVEN FOR A PRIVATE COMPANY.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/28	6:04	1:12	((NAT OPEN- OHIO SHOOTING FROM OTHER REPORTER)) THE OHIO NIGHTMARE ROCKED AMERICA. "As a parent you know of course it makes you glad your children are safe. As an educator and feeling responsible for students or for their welfare it heightens your COLUMBIA SCHOOLS CONSTANTLY PREPARE FOR AN EMERGENCY. "Safety is the number one priority on this campus. It is our top priority" WITH CURRENT TECHNOLOGY MU CAN SEND ALERTS VIA ((NAT POP- EMAIL)) EMAIL ((NAT POP-CELL)) OR CELL PHONE. "We have an emergency plan that is in place and has been in place for several years. Each year we run a series of types of drills." BUT NOW STUDENTS AND TEACHERS CAN LEARN WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY FROM M-U-P-D "They are teaching people or training the people how to react in the event that they come in contact with or are aware of a hostile individual that may be in the area." THIS CLASS WILL TEACH PEOPLE WHAT TO DO IN A CRISIS UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVE.

					MEGAN RICE, KOMU 8, NEWS COLUMBIA.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	2/29	6:03	1:10	THE DISTRICT SAYS A STOMACH BUG LEFT CLASSROOMS EMPTY. ATTENDANCE DROPPED THROUGHOUT THE MORNING AT VERSAILLES HIGH SCHOOL. "We cancelled school for the remaining portion of the week, so the infection can hopefully be nipped before it goes to the other buildings." ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SECONDARY EDUCATION, ATTENDANCE AVERAGED ABOUT 95 PERCENT FOR SCHOOLS ACROSS MISSOURI LAST YEAR. THAT WAS ABOUT THE SAME FOR MORGAN COUNTY R-2- BUT VERSAILLES HIGH SCHOOL'S ATTENDANCE TODAY WAS ONLY ABOUT 78 PERCENT. SOME STUDENTS MAY BE SUFFERING FROM A NOROVIRUS. "It's a mild to moderately severe virus, so it's basically 24 hours of a lot of discomfort." (NATS FULL VACUUM) THE DISTRICT SAYS ABOUT A DOZEN CUSTODIANS SPENT THE AFTERNOON VACUUMING FLOORS AND STERILIZING DESKS. "You're better safe than sorry, give everything a chance to run it's course and people to be healthy when they come back." THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES ADVISES WASHING YOUR HANDS OFTEN TO PREVENT CATCHING THE VIRUS. STACEY WELSH- KOMU 8 NEWS, VERSAILLES.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NWS	3/1	10:10	:30	THE MISSOURI HOUSING MARKET IS SHOWING SIGNS OF

	AT TEN				LIFE. A NEW REPORT FROM THE MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS SHOWS STATEWIDE HOME SALES FOR JANUARY 20-12 ARE UP EIGHTEEN AND A HALF PERCENT FROM HOME SALES IN JANUARY 20-11. THE AVERAGE PRICE OF HOMES SOLD STATEWIDE THIS JANUARY WAS NEARLY IDENTICAL TO THOSE SOLD LAST JANUARY STATEWIDE HOME SALES DID DROP NEARLY 25 PERCENT FROM DECEMBER TO JANUARY, BUT ARE EXPECTED TO RISE AS THE WEATHER IMPROVES.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	3/2	5:06	:24	THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISION STARTED AN INVESTIGATION INTO U-S OIL REFINERIES ABOUT THE HIKE IN GAS PRICES OVER THE LAST YEAR. THE INVESTIGATION IS ABOUT WHETHER REFINERIES AND PRODUCERS ARE FIXING GAS PRICES JUST TO MAKE A PROFIT. MISSOURI'S SENATOR CLAIRE MCCASKILL AND NEW YORK SENATOR CHARLES SCHUMER ARE PUSHING FOR THE INVESTIGATION TO WRAP UP. RESEARCH HAS SHOWN REFINERIES ARE MAKING DOUBLE PROFIT EVEN WITH A LOWER NATIONAL DEMAND FOR GASOLINE. SENATOR MCCASKILL HAD THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE HIKE IN PRICES.
JOBS/ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/3	6:06	:20	HEARINGS OVER THE STATE BUDGET HAVE BEGUN AT THE STATE CAPITOL. ONE REPUBLICAN PLAN LOOKS TO REVERSE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR JAY NIXON'S CUTS TO PUBLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES. THE HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER SAYS THE BUDGET PLAN COULD REACH THE HOUSE FLOOR FOR DEBATE AS SOON AS THE WEEK OF MARCH 19.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/4	6:03	:45	A MISSOURI REPUBLICAN STATE SENATOR SAYS TORNADO VICTIMS WHO LOSE THEIR HOMES SHOULD GET CHECKS FOR THE FULL VALUE OF THEIR HOMEOWNERS' INSURANCE TO HELP THEM RECOVER QUICKLY. STATE LAW CURRENTLY SAYS PEOPLE WHO LOSE THEIR HOMES TO FIRE GET A FULL CHECK. STATE SENATOR RON RICHARD OF JOPLIN SAYS THAT RULE SHOULD APPLY TO TORNADO VICTIMS. HE SAYS SOME PEOPLE IN JOPLIN STRUGGLED TO GET INSURANCE MONEY AFTER THE TORNADO SWEPT THROUGH ON MAY 22ND, KILLING 161 PEOPLE. BUT INSURANCE COMPANIES SAY THAT COULD DRIVE UP PREMIUMS FOR HOMEOWNERS.
DRUGS	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/5	10:04	:50	JEFFERSON CITY POLICE TOLD US TODAY HEROIN OVERDOSES ARE ON THE RISE. A JEFFERSON CITY FAMILY IS STRIVING TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON THE ISSUE. THIS IS CODY MARSHALL. A SKATEBOARDER AND SOMEONE HIS DAD CALLED A GOOD KID. HE DIED OF A HEROIN OVERDOSE AT AGE 20, ONE OF THE 244 DEATHS FROM HEROIN IN 2011.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/6	10:03	:45	FARMERS AND SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS AFFECTED BY LAST WEEK'S VIOLENT STORMS ARE GETTING FINANCIAL HELP. THE MISSOURI STATE TREASURER HAS AUTHORIZED THE RAPID APPROVAL OF LOAN REQUESTS FROM FARMERS AND SMALL-BUSINESS OWNERS IN A DOZEN COUNTIES AFFECTED BY THE STORMS LAST WEEK. TREASURER CLINT ZWEIFEL SAYS THE STATE

					WILL APPROVE LINKED DEPOSIT LOANS WITHIN 24-HOURS IN SPECIFIC SOUTHERN COUNTIES. USUALLY THE APPROVAL PROCESS TAKES 10 DAYS. THE EXPEDITED APPROVALS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN BARRY, BOLLINGER, CAPE GIRARDEAU, DALLAS, LACLEDE. MADISON. PHELPS. PULASKI, SCOTT, STODDARD, STONE AND TANEY COUNTIES.
DRUGS	KOMU 8 NWES AT TEN	3/7	10:04	1:15	(NAT OPEN: BEEPING)) IF MISSOURI'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING BILL PASSES,((NAT POP)) ALL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE INFORMATION WILL BE ENTERED INTO AN ONLINE GOVERNMENT DATABASE. NAT POP: "Are we helping you?" FOR SENATOR AND FAMILY PHYSICIAN ROB SCHAFF THAT IS A BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW. "I mean, talk about big brother. This is the worst kind of government intrusion on our lives." "To deny me the privacy of my medical information, is to deny my liberty." BUT WHAT IS THE COST OF THAT LIBERTY? THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL REPORTS "PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE IS THE FASTEST GROWING DRUG PROBLEM IN THE UNITED STATES.IN 2007, APPROXIMATELY 27,000 UNINTENTIONAL DRUG OVERDOSES OCCURED IN THE U.S ONE DEATH EVERY 19 MINUTES." "The fact that we don't have hardly any restrictions and monitoring is killing people in Missouri." FOR SENATOR KEVIN ENGLER, ONE DEATH IN PARTICULAR, HITS CLOSE TO HOME. "Just today, a guy I used to play basketball with in the mornings ODed, 50 years old - father, worker, just got hooked on some of these prescription drugs and died - just, just today." "You know, seeing prescriptions filled firsthand on a

					daily basis, I can definitely tell you that there is lots of issues in the Columbia area." "I see the many holes in the theory that this drug monitoring system is going to stop drug seeking behavior - it's not!" CURRENTLY, ALL BUT TWO STATES USE THE MONITORING SYSTEM - BUT THE EFFETIVENESS IS DEBATABLE. KYLIE MCGIVERN, KOMU 8 NEWS, JEFFERSON CITY.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/8	10:06	1:10	YES, IN FACT THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS. THE SCHOOL BOARD DOES THIS ONCE A YEAR BUT THE RAISES ARE GIVEN OUT BY A SYSTEM AND NOT BY PERFORMANCE. ONE EXAMPLE WOULD BE A TEACHER GETTING A RAISE FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF TEACHING BECAUSE HE OR SHE MOVED UP A TIER. THE OVERALL PROJECTED INCREASE FOR NEXT YEAR IS 1.8% WHICH EQUALS JUST OVER 1 MILLION DOLLARS. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INCREASE IN SUMMER SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, WHICH HASN'T BEEN DONE IN ABOUT FIVE YEARS. A SCHOOL FINANCE OFFICER SAYS PUTTING THE MONEY IN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS EVERYONE. ONE OFFICER SAID PUTTING THE MONEY IN SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS THE DISTRICT
ALCOHOL	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/9	6:07	:40	I SPOKE TO SEVERAL DOWNTOWN ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING BENGAL'S BAR AND GRILL. A BENGAL'S MANAGER TOLD ME THE BAR ALREADY TRAINS ITS EMPLOYEES WITH THE SMART TEST. BACKERS OF THE PLAN SAY THE TEST WILL WORK BETTER THAN SIMPLE CHECKS OF FAKE I-DS ALREADY IN PLACE.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/10	6:05	:50	COLUMBIA MAYOR BOB MCDAVID TOLD US THIS WEEK THE CITY IS AGGRESSIVELY NEGOTIATING WITH MULTIPLE AIRLINES TO ADD NONSTOP FLIGHTS TO DALLAS AND CHICAGO. THIS A WEEK AFTER THE CITY ANNOUNCED THE NEW DELTA FLIGHT TO ATLANTA STARTING IN JUNE. MCDAVID SAYS HE'S NOT EXACTLY SURE WHEN A DEAL MIGHT HAPPEN, BUT SAYS AN AIRLINE COULD CALL ANY WEEK. HE SAYS THE ADDITIONAL NONSTOPS WOULD HELP MIZZOU WITH RECRUITING STUDENTS FROM THOSE AREAS.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/11	10:13	:40	THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF GAS HAS INCREASED 12 CENTS OVER THE PAST 2-WEEKS. THE LUNDBERG SURVEY OF FUEL PRICES SHOWS A NATIONWIDE AVERAGE OF \$3.81 FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR. MID-GRADE IS \$3.96 A GALLON ON AVERAGE, AND PREMIUM IS GOING FOR \$4.07. DENVER HAS THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICE IN THE COUNTRY, WITH REGULAR COSTING \$3.36 A GALLON. GAS IS MOST EXPENSIVE IN LOS ANGELES. A GALLON OF REGULAR AVERAGES \$4.35 THERE.
HEALTH	KOMU 8 NWES AT TEN	3/12	10:03	:40	THE COUNSELORS TOLD THE SCHOOL BOARD THEY WOULD LIKE TO HIRE AN OUTREACH COUNSELOR FOR EVERY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN THE DISTRICT, SO MIDDLE JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL, INCLUDING DOUGLAS AND MORE COUNSELORS FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

					AN OUTREACH COUNSELOR IS DIFFERENT FROM A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR IN THAT THEY ARE TRAINED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO DEAL SOLELY WITH STUDENTS' WELL-BEING. BETSY JONES, THE DISTRICT COORDINATOR FOR SECONDARY COUNSELING, TOLD ME TONIGHT THAT IN THE PAST YEAR ALONE STUDENTS DEALING WITH DEPRESSION, HAVING SUICIDAL THOUGHTS AND CALLING HELP HOTLINES HAVE GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY. THE PRESENTATION STATED STUDENTS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES ARE FOUR TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE SUSPENDED. JONES SAYS THAT MENTAL ILLNESS DIRECTLY CORRELATES TO WHAT IS GOING ON IN COLUMBIA AND SURROUNDING AREAS WHETHER THAT BE A BAD FAMILY ENVIRONMENT, DRUGS OR POVERTY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/13	6:03	:50	THE FOUNDER OF A WYOMING COMPANY IS DETERMINED TO BUILD A HORSE SLAUGHTERING AND PROCESSING PLANT IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI, BUT SOME RESIDENTS AREN'T HAPPY. THE PROPOSERS SAY THE PLANT WILL BRING JOBS AND ALLEVIATE HORSE OVER-POPULATION. OPPONENTS SAY IT WILL BRING CRIME AND POLLUTION TO THE REGION.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/14	10:04	:35	THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI HOSTED THE INAUGURAL CHRISTOPHER S. "KIT" BOND LECTURE TODAY. THE LECTURE FOCUSED ON HOW THE UNITED STATES CAN ACHIEVE WORLDWIDE FOOD SECURITY WITH A PANEL OF SPEAKERS. DINO DJALAL (DUHL-AL), AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES FOR INDONESIA WAS ONE OF THE FEATURED PANELISTS. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFE FOOD

					IN THE U-S AND AROUND THE WORLD.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/15	6:04	:40	ABOUT FIFTEEN PEOPLE ATTENDED THE FORUM AT PAXTON KEELEY SCHOOL, MOSTLY TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF, SO IT'S NO SURPRISE A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS FOCUSED ON C-P-S EMPLOYEES ISSUES LIKE TEACHER SALARY, COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND TENURE. ALL FOUR CANDIDATES WERE IN ATTENDANCE MELVIN BLASE, REX CONE, PAUL CUSHING AND INCUMBENT CHRISTINE KING. ONE QUESTION THAT DREW SOME CONTROVERSY WAS ABOUT TENURE FOR TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND STAFF. ALL AGREED THEY HADN'T REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE ISSUE FOR ANYONE BUT TEACHERS BEFORE. BUT WHILE BLASE ARGUED TEACHER SALARY SHOULD NOT BE TIED TO TENURE, BUT RATHER EFFECTIVENESS IN THE CLASSROOM, CONE SAID HE WAS AGAINST PERFORMANCE PAY.
CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS TODAY	3/16	6:34	:35	THE APPLE IPAD MIGHT BE GETTING MORE COMPETITION THAT TOPS OUR LOOK AT CONSUMER NEWS THIS MORNING. THE HEAD OF DESIGN AT NOKIA SAYS THE COMPANY IS WORKING TO DEVELOP NOKIA'S FIRST TABLET DEVICE USING THE WINDOWS EIGHT OPERATING SYSTEM. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED THURSDAY IN A FINNISH BUSINESS MAGAZINE, A DEVELOPER SAID HE SPENDS ABOUT ONE THIRD OF HIS WORK TIME DEVELOPING THE PRODUCT. BUT HE DECLINED TO GIVE A TIMELINE FOR THE PRODUCT'S LAUNCH.

					SPOKESMEN FOR NOKIA DECLINED TO CONFIRM THE INFORMATION IN THE INTERVIEW.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/17	6:07	1:10	A FEW YEARS AGO THE IDEA WAS BROUGHT UP AT A "COLUMBIA ENVISIONED" MEETING TO HOLD ONE SESSION EVERY FALL AND SPRING.
					THE GOAL OF THE CONGRESS IS TO ENCOURAGE FREE FORM DISCUSSION ON A VARIETY OF HOT TOPICS AMONG COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS IN AN OPEN, NON-STRUCTURED ENVIORNMENT. THERE ARE 80 DESIGNATED NEIGHBORHOODS IN COLUIMBIA, BUT LESS THAN 50 PERCENT ATTENDED TODAY'S MEETING. ONE LOCAL LEADER SAYS SHE WAS STILL SATISFIED WITH THE RESULTS.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/18	10:11	:40	ONE ST. LOUIS MAN IS DEAD TODAY AND ANOTHER IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER POLICE FIRED AT THEM LAST NIGHT. POLICE CHASED THE MEN AFTER THEY SAW THE TWO MEN DRIVE AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF A SHOOTING ON ST. LOUIS AVENUE. A BULLET HIT THE VICTIM OF THIS SHOOTING IN THE ARM.
					SIX OFFICERS FIRED AT THE SUSPECTS AFTER THEY GOT OUT OF THIER CAR AND POINTED WEAPONS AT THE OFFICERS. NO OFFICERS WERE INJURED BUT ALL SIX WERE PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE.
EDUCATION	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/19	6:03	:35	THE STATE SPENDS 8 POINT 4 MILLION DOLLARS TO ADMINISTER STANDARDIZED TESTS, BUT SPENDS NO MONEY ON TEST FRAUD DETECTION SERVICES.

					MISSOURI EDUCATION OFFICIALS RELY ON A SYSTEM OF SELF-REPORTING BUT SOME CRITICS THINK IT'S TOO EASY FOR STATES TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY. HOWEVER, MITCHELL SAYS TEST REGULATIONS ARE STRINGENT ENOUGH. HE'S NOT SURE HOW YOU COULD SUPERVISE A TEST BETTER, GIVEN THAT A TEACHER OR PROCTOR IS STATIONED IN EACH TEST ROOM. PRESSURE FOR STUDENTS TO SUCCEED ON THESE TESTS HAS GROWN OVER THE YEARS, WITH THE RESULTS USED TO HELP DETERMINE SUCH THINGS AS WHETHER DISTRICTS LOSE OR REGAIN ACCREDITATION.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/20	6:02	1:00	KEEP COLUMBIA SAFE JUST WRAPPED UP ITS MEETING ABOUT SAFETY IN COLUMBIA. KEEP COLUMBIA SAFE WAS THE GROUP BEHIND THE CAMPAIGN FOR VIDEO CAMERAS DOWNTOWN. I'M HERE AT BROADWAY AND 10TH, ONE OF THE PLACES CAMERAS WERE PLACED AFTER VOTERS VOTED FOR THEM IN APRIL 2010. AT FIVE, KEEP COLUMBIA SAFE PEOPLE ATTENDED TODAY'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THEY WERE ASKED THEIR OPINION ON A COUPLE OF TOPICS RELATED TO SAFETY. ONE WAS IF THEY WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF A TAX TO GO TOWARDS PUBLIC SAFETY. THEY WERE ALSO ASKED IF COLUMBIA HAD ENOUGH POLICE OFFICERS IN ITS DEPARTMENT. BARBARA HOPPE POINTED OUT RECENTLY GATHERED STATISTICS INDICATE COLUMBIA'S CRIME ISN'T WHAT PEOPLE THINK.

CONSUMER ISSUES	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/21	6:05	:40	THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HOSTED A TOWN HALL MEETING TONIGHT TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE STREET IMPROVEMENTS. A SMALL GROUP OF RESIDENTS CAME OUT TO THE MEETING WHICH FOCUSED ON THE FOURTH WARD. ACCORDING TO A 20-11 CITY SURVEY - COLUMBIA RESIDENTS WERE LEAST SATISFIED WITH THEIR STREETS. THE CITY ESTIMATES IT WILL HAVE BETWEEN 200 HUNDRED AND THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS LEFT OVER FROM ITS SNOW REMOVAL BUDGET.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/22	10:02	:50	THERE WAS CONFUSION AT CENTRALIA'S PUBLIC FORUM TONIGHT. ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS OF THE EVENT SAID THE MEETING WOULD BE VERY STRUCTURED, BUT A CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE SAID IT WOULD BE MAYHEM. THE MEETING ENDED UP BEING CALM WITH ABOUT 50 PEOPLE SHOWING UP AT CITY HALL. FOUR SCHOOL BOARD AND THREE CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT WHY THEY SHOULD BE ELECTED. SOME OF THE MAIN ISSUES ADDRESSED WERE POOR ROADS, THE CITY'S SPENDING AND SCHOOL PROGRAMS.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT FIVE	3/23	5:05	:45	TODAY MARKS THE START OF MU'S SPRING BREAK. AS STUDENTS DRAG SUITCASES THROUGH PUDDLES APARTMENT COMPLEXES ARE ENCOURAGING THEM TO TAKE PRECATIONS TO PREVENT BURGLARIES DURING THE BREAK.

					THEY SAY STUDENTS SHOULD LOCK ALL THEIR DOORS AND WINDOWS. LEAVING A LIGHT ON IS A GOOD IDEA AND MAKE SURE TO STOP ANY MAIL OR NEWSPAPERS FROM COMING TO YOUR HOME TO PREVENT THEM FROM PILING UP.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/24	6:02	:50	MISSOURI REPUBLICANS IN THE STATE'S BIGGEST METRO AREAS CAUCUSED TODAY. JACKSON COUNTY AND ST. LOUIS HELD GOP CAUCUSES TODAY SO AS TO NOT INTERFERE WITH ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS. THERE ARE NO DECLARED WINNERS FROM TODAY'S CONTESTS. HOWEVER, MORE THAN 2000 PEOPLE WILL ADVANCE TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. THOSE ARE HELD ON APRIL 21ST. THEN A STATE CONVENTION IS HELD JUNE 2ND. IT'S AT THOSE TWO MEETINGS WHERE THE BULK OF MISSOURI'S 52 DELEGATES WILL BE BOUND TO A CANDIDATE FOR THE GOP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/25	6:03	:45	MISSOURI REPUBLICANS IN THE STATE'S BIGGEST METRO AREAS CAUCUSED TODAY. JACKSON COUNTY AND ST. LOUIS HELD G-O-P CAUCUSES TODAY SO AS TO NOT INTERFERE WITH ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS. THERE ARE NO DECLARED WINNERS FROM TODAY'S CONTESTS. HOWEVER, MORE THAN 2000 PEOPLE WILL ADVANCE TO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CONVENTIONS. THOSE ARE HELD ON APRIL 21ST. THEN A STATE CONVENTION IS HELD JUNE 2ND. IT'S AT THOSE TWO MEETINGS WHERE THE BULK OF MISSOURI'S 52 DELEGATES WILL BE BOUND TO A

					CANDIDATE FOR THE G-O-P PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NWES AT TEN	3/26	6:06	:30	A 12 YEAR OLD GIRL IS DEAD TODAY AFTER SHE WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD OVER THE WEEKEND. THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS THE SIXTH GRADER WAS HOME ALONE WITH HER BROTHER WHEN SHE WAS SHOT. THE 15 YEAR OLD BROTHER IS IN CUSTODY AFTER HE TURNED HIMSELF IN TO POLICE SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE KANSAS CITY AREA. AUTHORITIES SAY THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/27	6:02	1:15	Dana Knierim has been unemployed for nine months now Last week she got a Fed Ex letter from Soothing Solutions Massage in Texas but she hadn't ordered anything. The check came at a time when she needed it most. "You see that amount of money and say that would be nice. Trying to live on unemployment and have that big amount but I knew something was wrong because I was not expecting anything like that." It was a check for 29 hundred dollars. "Like I said this money would have been handy." Bank manager Amy Montcalm says tellers see a couple of scam checks each week. "There's no true distinction between a real check and a fake one. Just by cashing that check you run the risk of giving away your account information including your signature. to prevent that banks verify your information before you cash it." But there are some clear signs of fraud to look for. "They'll say a portion of that is a fee for us. That is one big indicator. If they're asking you to send them money it's a scam. Montcalm recommends making sure you only put

					information on sites you trust. "I think they do a lot of internet pshing and find ways to get people's information" Knierim said she always takes precautions online. Her advice is. "If it seems to good to be true it probably is." Courtney Tezeno, K-O-M-U 8 News, Jamestown.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/28	10:02	1:00	SEX OFFENDERS IN MISSOURI COULD EXPECT A SECOND CHANCE SOON. THE MISSOURI HOUSE DISCUSSED A BILL THAT WOULD GREATLY CUT BACK THE STATE'S SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY. SEX OFFENDERS ON THE REGISTRY CAN PETITION TO LOCAL COURTS AFTER 10 YEARS. AND OFFENDERS OF SERIOUS CRIME SUCH AS CHILD MOLESTATION WOULD HAVE TO WAIT FOR 20 YEARS. REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH PARTIES EXPRESSED AGREEMENT ON THE ISSUE.
GOVERNMENT	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/29	10:02	:50	GOOD EVENING, EVERYONE. MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE SHOWED UP TO THE CANDIDATE FORUM AT PARKADE PLAZA TONIGHT. CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ANSWERED QUESTIONS ON THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT, THE CITIZEN'S REVIEW BOARD, ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONES AND THE USE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SECURITY CAMERAS. THE MOST OVERWHELMING RESPONSES CAME AFTER CANDIDATES WERE ASKED ABOUT NEGATIVE ATTACK ADS. THAT SEEMED TO BE A HOT TOPIC CONSIDERING THE ATTACK AD AGAINST BARBARA HOPPE FROM BILL TILLOTSON'S CAMPAIGN. HOPPE SAYS SHE WAS HURT, BUT TILLOTSON

					SAYS HIS ADS HAVE BEEN TRUTHFUL.
CRIME	KOMU 8 NEWS AT SIX	3/30	6:01	1:00	THE SUSPECT HERE IS A SIXTEEN YEAR OLD NAMED JAMES T. MILLER.
					PROSECUTORS CERTIFIED MILLER AS AN ADULT TODAY, CHARGING HIM WITH ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION AND UNLAWFUL USE OF A WEAPON IN THE FEBRUARY 19 INCIDENT. POLICE BELIEVE THIS SHOTS FIRED INCIDENT IS CONNECTED TO SEVERAL OTHER SHOOTINGS FROM AROUND THAT SAME TIME. MILLER IS BEING HELD AT BOONE COUNTY JAIL ON 300 THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND. POLICE SAY THE YOUNG AGE OF THE SUSPECT IS A SIGN OF ESCALATING VIOLENCE.
ECONOMY	KOMU 8 NEWS AT TEN	3/31	10:22	:25	AND FINALLY WE'LL TAKE A LOOK AT WALL STREETQ1 PROVED PROMISING FOR THE MARKETS, SHOWING THE MOST GAINS IN A DECADE. NOW, INVESTORS ARE LOOKING TOWARD NEXT WEEK'S JOBS DATA AND THE EARNING'S SEASON KICK OFF ON APRIL TENTH. FRIDAY THE DOW CLOSED UP 66, THE NASDAQ DIPPED FOUR IN THE RED AND THE NASDAQ GAVE BACK FIVE. AND THAT'S AN EIGHT ON YOUR MONEY REPORT.